

**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING & POLICY COUNCIL**

**WEST POLICE PRECINCT / 5500 CHARLOTTE PIKE; NASHVILLE, TN
APRIL 26, 2012**

MEETING CALLED BY	Chair Dan Steffen
TYPE OF MEETING	Developmental Disabilities Planning & Policy Council
FACILITATOR	Chair Dan Steffen
NOTE TAKER	Margaret Donald
DDPPC MEMBERS PRESENT	Chair Dan Steffen, Dr. Ruthie-Marie Beckwith, Deana Claiborne, Carrie Hobbs Guiden, Pam Jackson, Dr. Bruce Keisling, and Jahnir Ancheta
MEMBERS ABSENT	Alex Heart and Wanda Willis
DIDD STAFF PRESENT	Margaret Donald
NUMBER OF GUEST	Lynette Porter for Wanda Willis

Call to Order/Introductions

DISCUSSION	Chair Dan Steffen called the meeting to order and asked each member to summarize their work in the developmental disabilities area.
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DIDD Five Year Plan

DISCUSSION	<p>Dr. Ruthie Beckwith's presentation, <i>Status of Planning for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities</i> explained her vision for DIDD's Five Year Plan. Her sources of reference were the 2007 – "Fulfilling the Promise"- <i>Developmental Disabilities Task Force</i> and the 2009 "The Unfilled Promise"- <i>Disability Partnership on Home and Community-Based Supports</i>.</p> <p>Major points she discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council's mission • Statistics of children ages 6 to 21 who will need specialized supports in school • Percentage of the various services needed by those with developmental disabilities • The 18 recommendations suggested for improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities from the "The Unfilled Promise" report 		
PENDING ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEAD LINE
The following items are recommendations taken from the presentation and have been assigned to council members. The purpose is to determine what progress the DDPPC feels has been made toward their implementation.			
<p><u>Item 1</u> Expand eligibility to include people with developmental disabilities who do not have an intellectual disability as well as people with functionally similar disabilities.</p> <p><u>Item 2</u> Service allocations should be equitable, and based on the individual's functional needs, rather than on diagnosis or label.</p>		Deana Claiborne	May 11, 2012
<p><u>Items 3</u> Expand home and community-based services through HCBS Waivers and</p>		Pam Jackson	May 11, 2012

other non-institutional models, prioritizing lower cost options. <u>Item 4</u> Promote integrated and supported employment in state policy and practice.	Pam Jackson	
<u>Items 5</u> Tennessee's service system for people with disabilities should be based on the principles of person-centered supports and individual self-determination.	Wanda Willis	May 11, 2012
<u>Item 6</u> Tennessee's service system for people with disabilities should promote self-direction, where individuals and their families exercise control over their budgets and services <u>Items 7</u> Improve wages, benefits and work environment in order to recruit, develop and retain qualified, well-trained, direct support staff. <u>Item 8</u> To ensure strong leadership in the future, identify processes to cultivate and support potential leaders among self advocates, family members, and public and private program administrators. <u>Item 9</u> Administration at all levels should be qualified by education, values, experience and background.	Carrie Guiden	May 11, 2012
<u>Items 10</u> Close state-operated ICFs/MR and utilize the savings to support universal services. <u>Item 11</u> Simplify administrative and regulatory processes in order to reduce the number of DIDS staff and utilize the savings to support universal services. <u>Item 12</u> Institute individual budgeting in order to control the costs of waiver services. <u>Item 13</u> Continue low cost, state-funded services including the Family Support Program.	Jahnli Ancheta and Dr. Ruthie Beckwith	May 11, 2012
<u>Items 14</u> Establish a single cabinet-level entity in state government, responsible for long-term supports and services for people with developmental disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries. <u>Item 15</u> Establish clearly identifiable, accessible points of entry into the disability long-term support system. <u>Item 16</u> Tennessee's long -term service system must be values-based with maximal, meaningful stakeholder involvement. <u>Item 17</u> Satisfactory of individuals and families receiving services should be a key performance indicator. <u>Item 18</u> Establish and support a statewide planning and policy council, composed of stakeholders, to serve in a meaningful, deliberative, policy setting role.	Dr. Bruce Keisling	May 11, 2012

Transportation

DISCUSSION	<p>Pam Jackson explained in her presentation, <i>Transportation</i>, the history and anticipated future of public transportation in Chattanooga and her personal experience with that system.</p> <p>Major points she covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The history of public transportation with the developmental disability population of Chattanooga • The support of Chattanooga's fire fighters who drove their personal cars when public transportation was not available • Nonprofits that have worked toward the creation of an efficient transportation system for people with developmental disabilities • The merge of Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) and Easter Seals Transportation • The future goal of streamlining transportation across the state
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Protection from Harm

DISCUSSION	<p>Dr. Keisling's presentation titled <i>Protection from Harm</i> (Chapter 18) explained the substantive changes to that current Policy that was enacted on March 1, 2011.</p> <p>The changes he discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of a policy that makes the use of any manual or mechanical restraint a reportable incident, regardless of the duration for which it was used • Reinstatement of policy requirement to contact Administrator on Duty for specific incidents • DIDD's implementation of a policy that will require Administrative Leave for instances of alleged sexual or physical abuse only— providers will develop internal policy for other allegations
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Recommendations

The DDPPC's Chair, Dan Steffen will present the following recommendations to DIDD at the Statewide Planning and Policy Council meeting on Wednesday, May 16.

- 1. The Council recommends developing Medicaid Waiver services for persons with developmental disabilities other than intellectual disabilities.**
- 2. The Council endorses full, recurring funding for the Tennessee Family Support Program operated by the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.**
- 3. The Council recognizes the Tennessee Family Support Program as a critical component of this program should be protected and should not be considered as a source of state funding for federal match and specifically for Medicaid Waivers.**
- 4. The Council recommends assigning at least one DIDD staff in each regional office to provide information and referral for individuals with developmental disabilities other than intellectual disabilities and their families.**
- 5. The Council recommends that DIDD begin actively collecting organized data on people with developmental disabilities other than intellectual disabilities to aid in planning for future services for this population.**

Next Meeting Discussion

PENDING ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEAD LINE
The following issues will be discussed at the next DDPPC meeting: (a) Transition to Adult Services (b) Education/Independent and Social Skills (c) Single point of entry for state service (d) Service Definitions	Council Members Chairman Steffen	

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE
The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The date of the next meeting is Thursday, July 12, 2012, at the West Police Precinct located at 5500 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret P. Donald, ASA
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